

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
Milton Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectman Chair Tom F. Gray, Selectman J. Michael Beaulieu, Selectman Andrew O. Rawson, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne.

Chairman Gray closed the recess from January 6, 2015 and continued the meeting. The Selectmen were in attendance at the Budget Committee Meeting.

**Proposed 2015 Budget Discussion:**

After the Budget Committee made their recommendations on the Town Budgets, the Department Heads in the audience offered to lower some of their line items in order to make the proposed 2015 budget lower than the default budget. The lines included:

Police line 120 Salary Part-time lower by \$3,000.00 down to \$12,000.00.  
Fire line 120 Salary Part-time lower by \$3,000.00 down to \$59,000.00.  
TC/TX line 840 Mileage lower by \$600.00 down to \$2,400.00.  
Assessing line 625 Postage lower by \$700.00 down to \$1,800.00.  
Outside Appropriations line 364 CASA lower by \$150.00 down to \$350.00.

This resulted in a total of \$7,450.00 in proposed additional cuts.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee were in agreement with these proposed cuts which resulted in the proposed 2015 budget being \$3,931,159.46 which is lower than the 2015 default budget of \$3,931,212.04.

**Warrant Articles:**

Article 6: M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as amended. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million, Nine Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Forty-Six cents (\$3,931,159.46). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million, Nine Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Four cents (\$3,931,212.04) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*(Note: This Warrant Article, the operating budget, does not include special or separate warrant articles.)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

Article 7: M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$494,760.00) payable over a term of 7 years for three (3) Highway Department 6 Wheel Dump Trucks with snowplow equipment and sanders, and to raise and appropriate Seventy-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and Two Cents (\$76,950.02) for the first years' payment for that purpose; the lease purchase agreement does contain the municipal funding escape clause.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

**Article 8:** M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00) for Highway and Road reconstruction purposes. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant estimated to be One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00). This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. This appropriation will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2016.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

**Article 9:** M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$143,000.00) to be placed in the Herbert Downs Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of producing finalized design and engineering plans for a new fire station to be bid late 2015 and present on this ballot in 2016.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

**Article 10:** M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) payable over a term of 10 years for one (1) Highway Department Grader, and to raise and appropriate Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars and Eight Cents (\$27,352.08) for the first years' payment for that purpose; The lease/purchase agreement does contain a municipal funding escape clause.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

**Article 11:** M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of constructing a free municipal playground.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1)*

Article 12: M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

Article 13: M. Beaulieu moved to amend the wording to include "and installing" after the word "purchasing", and to reduce the dollar amount from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as amended. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing video and recording equipment to be used for recording and publishing various public meetings within the Town Hall meeting room.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

Article 14: M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Police Department Computer and Radio Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

Article 18: M. Beaulieu moved to recommend as presented. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Milton/Maine Bridges Capital Reserve Account previously established.*

*(Majority vote required)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)*

T. Gray moved at 6:25pm to recess until the 7pm public hearing. Motion seconded by A.

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Rawson. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved at 7:00pm to resume the meeting. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

M. Beaulieu moved at 7:13pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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J. Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew O. Rawson